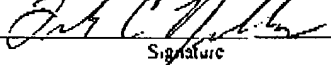


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The present amendment replies to a non-final Office Action dated May 4, 2004.
Claims 1-30 are currently pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, Examiner Peaches asserted the following objections and rejections of pending claims 1-30:

- A. Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.
- B. Claims 1-6, 8-16 and 18-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bhatia et al. (U.S. Publication Number 2002/0090932).
- C. Claims 7, 17 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Bhatia et al. in view of Doi et al. (U.S. Publication Number 2001/0014911).

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR §1.112.